



Montana Pharmacy

Safe Medication Disposal Initiative

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where can I find the full Drug Enforcement Administration regulation, with all the applicable requirements and standards that must be met for this program?

- The full text of the regulation is best viewed online at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=d3c61c7fa42e42c0e9c1487b15a94766&mc=true&n=pt21.9.1317&r=PART&ty=HTML>

2. Where can I purchase a suitable collection box?

-The Attorney General's Office has located boxes at various sites online and does not recommend one manufacturer or seller over any other. Here are some sites that sell boxes that meet the requirements set forth by the DEA, however they are likely not the only options available:

- http://eehp.org/pdf_files/Responsible%20Medication%20Disposal.pdf,
- www.sharpsinc.com/pharmaceutical-waste,
- www.medreturn.com/medreturn-units/,
- www.budgetmailboxes.com/courier-boxes.html

-Please keep in mind that the boxes must be securely fastened to a permanent structure inside the pharmacy's physical location and be able to be seen from the pharmacy counter.

3. How can I destroy the materials collected through the take-back box?

-The DEA specifies that destruction must render the materials *chemically and/or physically non-retrievable* to prevent diversion to illicit purposes.

- Some companies that sell medication collection boxes are considered 'full service' in that they also provide inner liners and incineration services when the liners get full. The full service options generally work on a subscription basis and may include a contract with the company.



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-The DEA sets forth the following options for pharmacies for destruction of the materials collected through prescription drug take-back programs. More details on the pharmacy requirements for each destruction option can be found by visiting the link provided in FAQ question 1.

- a) Transfer to a person registered or authorized to accept controlled substances for the purpose of destruction.
- (b) Transport to a registered destruction location.
- (c) Transport to a non-registered destruction location.
- (d) On-site destruction.

4. How do I turn in my application and when is it due?

-Applications are due by 5PM Thursday, August 27, 2015 and may be brought to 555 Fuller Avenue, Helena, MT or mailed to:

Montana Department of Justice
Attn: Kaelyn Kelly
PO Box 200151
Helena, MT 59620

5. When will the grant recipients be announced?

-Recipients will be selected and announced by Friday, September 4, 2015.

6. Who can I contact if I have further questions about the DEA's requirements?

-Contact the DEA's Liaison and Policy Section at 202-307-7297 or via email at ODLP@usdoj.gov.

7. Who can I contact if I have further questions about this grant program?

- Contact the Attorney General's Office's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Coordinator Kaelyn Kelly at 406-444-2649 or via email at kkelly@mt.gov.